

--- “Series of 1883” - Ten Pounds - Black - COUPON Stamp ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, March 2003, reports that the 10 pound denomination was added to the Series prior to their introduction on July 1st 1883, thus the initial copies will be found on vertical mesh *block wmkd* wove.

The catalogue lists the recess printed ten pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

- RM-254** - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,
long wreath, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**_ stub
- RM-254** - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,
long wreath, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**_ stub
- RM-254c** - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,
long wreath, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**_ stub
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| 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) | John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 30,000 copies of “10 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press |
| 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) | John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 58,405 copies of “10 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press |
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--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 10 pound black Coupon stamp ---

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| 3rd BABN Contract | 30,000 | - 000001 to 030000 |
| 4th BABN Contract | <u>58,405</u> 88,405 | - 030001 to 088405 |

--- The “actual” control number range on the 10 pound black Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

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| 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. controls | - 001265 a single copy |
| 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. controls | - 017169 to 070362 |
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Throughout the “Coupon Stamp” section, I have used CWC as an abbreviation for “Complete with Coupons”, and CWCS to abbreviate “Complete with Coupons and Stub”. I have also omitted adding “TPs” and “CPs” to the Brandom catalogue listing. These exist in most cases, and can be so noted if and when collected.

--- RM-254c - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 10 pound black Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract

30,000

- 000001 to 030000



★RM-254c - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, with 4 mm. control number 001265,
on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with nine ½ pound coupons.

001265★

RM-254c

10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on vertical mesh *block wmkd* wove

These stamps were the initial printing. More control numbers are required to determine the size of the *block wmkd* printing. Subsequently, also under the 3rd BABN Contract, *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove paper was used.

--- RM-254 - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists this recess printed ten pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

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3rd BABN Contract

30,000

- 000001 to 030000



★RM-254 CP - 10 pounds, black, perf orated 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control number 017171,
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove, with an 188_ stub and nine ½ pound coupons, stamped CANCELLED



★RM-254 - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, with 4 mm. control number 017169,
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with nine ½ pound coupons

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| 017169 ★ | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove |
| 017170 | RM-254 CP | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic |
| 017171 ★ | RM-254 CP | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove stub dated 188_, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic |

--- Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 3rd BABN Contract - 1884-85 ---

--- Recess printed in BLACK on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. *violet Gothic controls* ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

All of the stamps (bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers*) seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps bearing the 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880’s, or as a special “presentation” set. Many examples can be found on *block wmkd* paper which indicates that these were from 1883-84.

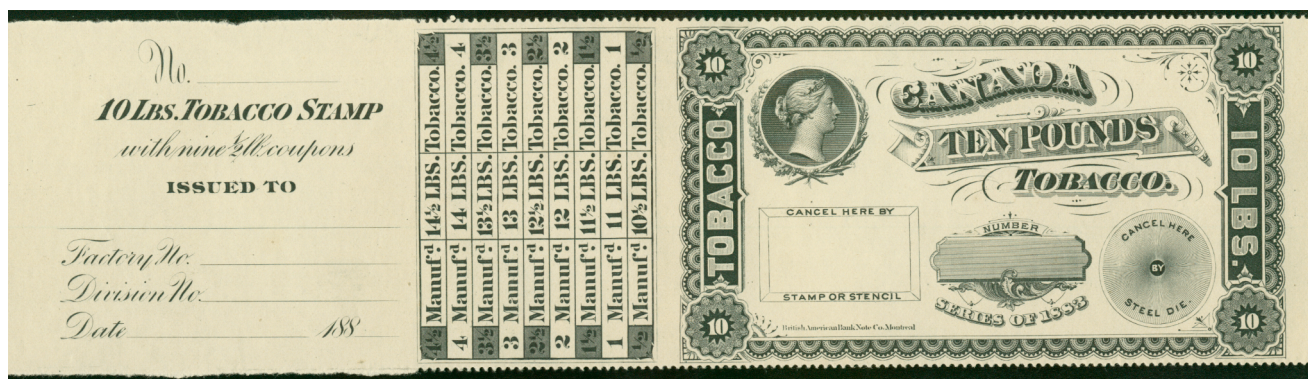
There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection, purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later then 1900.

The control numbers are purely arbitrary, and are not part of the regular control sequence.



★ 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, with violet 4 mm. Gothic control **14723**,
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove paper

--- RM-254n - without control numbering ---



★RM-254n - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, *without* control numbering,
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with an **188**_ stub, plus nine ½ pound coupons

--- RM-254 - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists this recess printed ten pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

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long wreath, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 10 pound black Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract 30,000 - 000001 to 030000



★ **RM-254** - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, with 4 mm. control number **021512**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,
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| 021508 | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled □ 13 □ / TOBACCO |
| 021509 | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled □ 13 □ / TOBACCO |
| 021512 ★ | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled □ 13 □ / TOBACCO |
| 024157 | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove roller cancelled TOBACCO / 11 -17 |

--- RM-254 - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in BLACK on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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4th BABN Contract

58,405

- 030001 to 088405



★RM-254 - 10 pounds, black, perf 12, with 4 mm. control number 070362, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, rolled 1-30 / TOBACCO by “J. E. Tuckett”, Hamilton, Ontario

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| 030296 | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with nine ½ pound coupons and an 188_ stub |
| 030484 | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with nine ½ pound coupons and an 188_ stub |
| 038254 | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove |
| 070362★ | RM-254 | 10 pounds, black, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / 1-30 |

To date *no copies* of the 10 pound black coupon stamp bearing 5 mm. control numbering have been found. It is thus probable that all of the 88,405 copies listed under the 3rd and 4th BABN Contracts by John McKay as ‘delivered’ were printed and control numbered at Montreal prior to their return to Ottawa in 1887.

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